

VIVID DESCRIPTION OF FIRST-AID WORK BY RED CROSS MEN

**An American Pictures Scenes in
Subway Dressing Station
Near Trenches.**

SURGEONS LABOR ENDLESSLY

**Captain, Priest, Private and German
Lad, All Dying, Get Tender Care
From Overworked Hospital
and Ambulance Aids.**

The work of the Red Cross surgeons and stretcher bearers at the front in France was never more vividly illustrated than in a recent letter forwarded to America. It was written by Philip O. Mills to Mr. Elliot Norton, head of the Volunteer Motor Ambulance corps which Mr. Mills was serving. The communication was private, but was made public because of the clearness with which it sets forth the scenes amid which the surgeons and ambulance workers labor, day after day. The text follows:

"Tonight I am sitting in a small underground cellar of a public building, acting as a sort of timekeeper for the cars (ambulances) going up to our most dangerous post, and handling the reserve cars for wounded in the town itself. The whole world is passing here—French, Americans; living, wounded and dying.

"A long, heavily arched corridor, with stone steps leading down to it; two compartments off to one side, lined with wine bins, where our reserve men and a few French brancardiers (stretcher bearers) are lying on their stained stretchers, some snoring; beyond, a door that leads to a little sick ward—the most pathetic little room I have ever seen—with four beds of different sizes and kinds on one side, and six on the other, taken, evidently, from the ruined houses near by; and one tired infirmier (hospital attendant) to tend and soothe the wounded and dying.

"In the bed nearest the door a French priest, shot through the lungs, with pneumonia setting in, his black beard pointing straight up, whispering for water.

"Next to him a little German lad, hardly nineteen, and small, with about six hours to live, calling—sometimes screaming—for his mother, and then for water.

"Next to him a French captain of infantry, his arm off at the shoulder and his head wounded—weak, dying, but smiling.

"And next to him a tirailleur (Infantryman) in delirium calling on his colonel to charge the Germans.

"The infirmier is going from one to the other, soothing and waiting on each in turn. He asks me what the German is saying, and I tell him he is calling for his mother.

"Ah, this is a sad war! he says, as he goes over to hold the poor lad's hand.

"A brancardier comes in with a message: A blessé (a wounded man) at Belleville—very serious.

"This is a reserve car call, so one slides out and is gone like a gray ghost down the ruined street, making all the speed its driver can—no easy matter—with no lights. In twenty minutes he is back. The brancardiers go out. They come in again bearing the wounded man on a stretcher and place it on the floor. One of them, who is a priest, leans over him and asks his name, and his town. On answer to the question what his wife's name is, he whispers 'Alice,' while on the other side another brancardier is slitting the clothes from his body—and I shiver with the pity of it at the sight I see.

"The surgeon comes out of his little operating room. Weary with the night's tragic work—after so many, many other tragic nights—he douses his head in a bucket of water. He turns to the wounded man, gently feels his nose, lifts up his closed eyelid, and at his nod the stretcher is again lifted and the wounded man is carried into the operating room, and soon after into the little room of sorrows.

"In answer to my eager question, the surgeon shakes his head.

"Not a chance."

"A brancardier and I gather the soldier's belongings from his clothes to be sent to his wife, but even we have to stop for a few minutes after we see the photograph of his wife and their two little children.

"An hour later, as our night's work is stacking up and several cars have driven up and been unloaded, the infirmier comes in from the little room and says something to the brancardiers. Two of them get a stretcher, and in a moment the 'blessé from Belleville' comes past us with a sheet over him. They lay him down at the other end of the room and another brancardier begins rolling and tying him in burlap for burial. As I look he changes to a shapeless log. Then, out to the dead wagon with it.

"Soon after, I go into the little ward

again to see how the others are coming through the night, and am glad to see them all quieted down. Even the little German seems in less pain, though his breathing still shakes the heavy bed he lies on.

"Through a chink I see that day is beginning to break, and I hear the chief's car coming in from the sap, and know that the night's work is over."

This is not a sketch from the imagination of a novelist—it is the actual occurrences of a night behind the front where the French, the Belgians, the British—and soon the Americans—will at bay the German invader. This is the nightly work of the men who care for the wounded.

RED CROSS NOTES Dakota County Chapter

The work room will be open Friday afternoon of this week for knitting. Anyone who knows how to knit and wants to knit for the Red Cross can come and get yarn and directions for the work. If you do not know how to knit and wish to learn please bring your own yarn and needles, (any kind will do to learn with), and you will be instructed. It is specially requested that all those who have knitted articles started bring their work to the work room at this time that a lineup may be gotten off this department of the Red Cross work. Do not forget the day or date—Friday afternoon, September 28.

Any one who is a member of the Red Cross can get the Red Cross Magazine by paying another dollar, providing you do this not later than three months after joining.

The following is a complete list of the contributions received toward filling comfort kits for the Dakota county boys:

- Mrs. C. H. Maxwell\$2.00
- Mrs. Belle Harris..... 2.00
- Jolly Idlers..... 2.00
- Mrs. Lucy Berger..... 1.00
- Mrs. G. F. Broyhill..... 2.00
- H. H. S. Club..... 2.00
- Mrs. Mell Schmidt..... 2.00
- Mrs. Geo. Niebuhr..... 50
- Mrs. Fred Edgar..... 50
- Mrs. Harry Brown..... 2.00
- M. E. Ladies' Aid..... 2.00
- E. H. Gribble..... 2.00
- Mrs. S. A. Heikes..... 2.00
- F. A. Wood..... 2.00
- Mrs. Belle Barnett..... 2.00
- Fred E. Beermann..... 2.00
- Mrs. Don Forbes..... 2.00
- Mrs. C. J. O'Connor, Homer..... 2.00
- J. J. Eimers, South Sioux City..... 2.00
- W. V. Steuterville, So. So. City..... 2.00
- Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Peters, Emerson..... 2.00

It will take a good many more dollars to fill the required number of kits. It takes \$2.00 to fill a kit, if you want to fill, or help to fill one, send your contribution to Mrs. G. F. Broyhill, Dakota City. If you wish the kit to go to some certain boy please say so and your name will be enclosed as the donor.

The American Red Cross has undertaken to communicate any letters of inquiry to Germany or Austria from the United States concerning relatives or friends. Messages are sent thru the International Red Cross at Geneva, Switzerland, the answers are sent back to the Red Cross at Washington, and from there are forwarded to their destination. These letters may be sent as often as every six weeks, but must be short. Any time American soldiers are taken prisoners they can communicate with their people here thru the Red Cross.

In the 2,600 Red Cross chapters that there are now in this country a new system of accounting has been adopted that will be uniform. Each chapter has to send a complete financial report every month to the divisional headquarters at Chicago. All chapter accounts are audited by the chapter's own auditing committee, and are then audited by the war department. There are now more than 4,000,000 Red Cross members in this country.

Remember Tuesday afternoon of each week the Red Cross work room is open—come and sew or knit for the soldiers.

The girls will meet as usual on Thursday afternoon at 3:30. New members this week are Mrs. Herman Sundt, and Mr. Herman Sundt.

- Names of Red Cross Members and Donators from Jackson Branch.**
- Mrs. M. Boler.....\$ 1.00
 - Mrs. John Boler..... 1.00
 - Mrs. Robert Erlach..... 1.00
 - Mrs. J. T. Daily..... 1.00
 - Mrs. John Flannery..... 1.00
 - Mrs. J. A. Hall..... 1.00
 - Mrs. Bill Sundt..... 1.00
 - Mrs. Louis Beaecom..... 1.00
 - Harry O'Neill..... 1.00
 - Kathleen O'Neill..... 1.00
 - Margaret Sullivan..... 2.00
 - Joe Sullivan..... 2.00
 - D. F. Waters..... 6.00
 - Mrs. D. F. Waters..... 1.00
 - C. K. Heffernan..... 8.00
 - Chris Smith..... 5.00

- Merrit Barber..... 1.00
- Mrs. Geo. W. Baney..... 1.00
- Mrs. C. B. Love..... 1.00
- Ray Quinn..... 5.00
- Mrs. M. J. Flynn..... 2.00
- Mrs. Peter Frank..... 1.00
- Mrs. William Heenan..... 1.00
- John Heenan, Sr..... 1.00
- Margaret Waters..... 1.00
- Vincent Waters..... 1.00
- Frank Waters..... 1.00
- Mrs. James Kennelly..... 1.00
- John Schaben..... 1.00
- Joe Marsh..... 1.00
- Mrs. Joe Marsh..... 1.00
- Mary Krampfer..... 1.00
- Frank Budke..... 2.00
- John Ryan..... 2.00
- Mrs. John Ryan..... 1.00
- Dr. R. Magirl..... 2.00
- William Hayes..... 1.00
- Jas. McCormick..... 1.00
- Mrs. William Riley..... 1.00
- William Riley..... 1.00
- Herb Kenney..... 1.00
- James Hogan..... 1.00
- Mrs. M. McGonigal..... 1.00
- J. W. Collins..... 1.00
- Mrs. J. W. Collins..... 1.00
- Lee C. Kearney..... 1.00
- Mrs. Lee C. Kearney..... 1.00
- Clement Kearney..... 1.00
- Annastasia Kearney..... 1.00
- Mrs. Tom Sullivan..... 1.00
- Mrs. E. F. Gibson..... 1.00
- Mrs. B. F. Sawyer..... 1.00
- Mrs. Pat Gormally..... 1.00
- Hans Knudsen..... 1.00
- Mrs. Hans Knudsen..... 1.00
- Mrs. M. Boyle..... 1.00
- Mildred Boyle..... 1.00
- Beatrice Boyle..... 1.00
- Mrs. M. Minnaugh..... 1.00
- T. J. Hartnett, jr..... 1.00
- Monica Hartnett..... 1.00
- Anna Hartnett..... 1.00
- Rose Hartnett..... 1.00
- Charlotte Hartnett..... 1.00
- Frank Flipsei..... 1.00
- Mrs. James Ryan..... 1.00
- Mrs. Will Hartnett..... 1.00
- Will Hartnett..... 1.00
- Hlene Hartnett..... 1.00
- Will Hartnett, jr..... 1.00
- Mary Deloughery..... 1.00
- Gene Garner..... 1.00
- Joe Heenan..... 1.00
- Mae Boler..... 1.00
- Mrs. Rose Finnell..... 1.00
- Mrs. Tom McKeever..... 1.00
- Mrs. Horace Dugan..... 1.00
- Mrs. Mary Gill..... 2.00
- Mrs. Mike Heffernan..... 2.00
- Mrs. Geo. W. Smith..... 1.00
- Gertrude McDermott..... 1.00
- Victor McGonigal..... 1.00
- Mrs. Criss Severson..... 1.00
- Monica Flynn..... 1.00
- T. J. Kennelly..... 1.00
- C. E. Hansen..... 1.00
- Mary McGonigal..... 1.00
- Bernandine Collins..... 2.50
- Roy Zulauf..... 50
- Mary C. Clark..... 1.00
- Mrs. J. M. Barry..... 5.00
- Tom Hartnett..... 11.00
- Mrs. Tom Hartnett..... 1.00
- Hanna Foley..... 1.00
- C. J. Goodfellow..... 25.00
- Jim Goodfellow..... 25.00
- Gene Leahy..... 1.00
- Mrs. M. Leahy..... 1.00
- Reta Collins..... 1.00
- James Sutherland..... 1.00
- Mrs. James Sutherland..... 1.00
- Mrs. M. Zulauf..... 1.00
- M. J. Miers..... 1.00
- J. W. Gray..... 1.00
- Jeff Ryan..... 1.00
- Josephine Brannan..... 1.00
- Mrs. Joe Brannan..... 1.00
- Joe Brannan..... 1.00
- Eugene Kearney..... 1.00

M. E. Church Notes.

F. J. AUCOCK, Pastor.

Next Sunday morning the preacher will be Professor Clarence Linton. We hope there will be a large attendance to hear him. What a fine thing it would be if more laymen would render occasional services in this way. It is very doubtful whether the present system of having a minister exclusively to ourselves is the best. No man can preach two sermons every Sunday to the same people year after year, and do justice to his message. Nothing would please this pastor better than to be free once in a while to go to places where his message is badly needed. But so long as there is no reserve to fall back upon the old tiresome routine must be carried out. And it does sometimes get tiresome.

Beginning with the first Sunday evening in October we will change the hour of service to 7:15. This will enable the people who use the street car to make the 8:20 car home. We hope to put special interest into the evening services from time to time. Further details of our plans will be announced.

Now that the pastor has passed thru his probationary period and is fully ordained we hope to make the communion service more regular. That vital part of our church life has been sorely missed during the last three years, but we will now make it an integral part of our worship. We feel sure that the regular observance of this sacrament will do much to deepen our religious life and keep our experience sweet.

Do not forget the all day meeting of the Aid next Friday at Mrs. Geo. Cain's. Dinner will be served at 35c. Everybody invited to come.

Items of Interest Gleaned from Our Exchanges

Dixon Journal: Miss McGowan, of Willis, was an over Sunday guest at the home of her uncle, Tom Connolly and family.

Wynot Tribune: Mrs. E. T. Antrim and children returned to Coleridge Monday after a few days visit at Obert and St. James with relatives.

Allen News: Another Allen boy to leave for the colors was Frank Hill, who left Monday noon for Sibley, Ia., where he was instructed to report.

Sioux City Journal, 23rd: Dr. and Mrs. J. E. De Walt departed yesterday for a trip which will include visits at Chicago, Niagara Falls, Philadelphia and other eastern points.

Newcastle Times: Ed. Hughes' crew of carpenters are working down near Jackson.... V. Kinnaman, who is working near Willis, visited his uncle, D. A. Kinnaman the editor and family.

Omaha Bee, 20th: Rev. Fletcher M. Sisson, pastor of the First Methodist church at Fremont, who was married Tuesday to Mrs. John C. Watson, Nebraska City, was pastor of the First Methodist church, South Side, ten years ago. His son, Horace, now in the officers' training school in Indianapolis, was graduated from the South Side High school.

Lyons Mirror: Miss Wilda Conger, who is teaching in Dakota county, Sunday at her home on the Blackbird. She is teaching a time-honored school where we used to attend lyceums, spelling schools, etc. in the long ago. It is now known as the Parker school, but in the early days we called it the Warner or Rathbun school in honor of our uncle Gideon Warner and Asa Rathbun, who lived near the school.

Pender Times: A marriage license has been issued to Walter L. Whaley and Miss Laura Kellner of Winnebago.... Mr. and Mrs. Noonan of Nacora, were guests over Sunday at the Mrs. P. W. Cain-Abbott home.... Sheriff Dorcy returned yesterday from Iowa with Mrs. Jessie Dearing and her brother, Marcus Hoover, who are charged with arson. Both waived an examination and gave bonds. The woman's husband has not had a hearing yet.

Sioux City Tribune, 22nd: The Ponca high school defeated the South Sioux City high school football team Friday at South Sioux City by a score of 20 to 0.... Fred Gordon, of South Sioux City, sustained a broken arm when he was run into by an automobile, driven by C. F. Maxwell.... Mrs. A. M. Nixon entertained a company of friends at 6 o'clock dinner on Thursday evening, in honor of her sister, Mrs. Charles Husby, and her brother, A. R. Johnson, of

Bucyruf, N. D. The other out of town guests included Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hoch, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Heikes and Ray Heikes, of Dakota City, Neb. The after dinner hours were spent informally. Mr. Johnson returned home today but Mrs. Husby will remain for an extended visit.

Sioux City Journal, 21st: Dr. Charles Maxwell, who has received a commission in the officers, reserve corps, departed last night for Washington, D. C. He will be assigned to special work in the medical war college at Washington.... Miss Anderson, a nurse living at 1418 Nebraska street, yesterday was married at Waterloo to J. B. McCartney, of Dubuque, according to information received here last night. Mr. and Mrs. McCartney will reside in Dubuque. They will go to the Pacific coast this winter on a wedding trip.

Sioux City Journal, 22nd: James Parks has returned to his home at Hubbard, Neb., after a brief visit in the home of his cousin, E. E. Long.... County Attorney George W. Leamer and former County Attorney S. T. Frum, of Dakota City, returned yesterday morning from Lincoln, where the supreme court is hearing Mr. Frum's contest of Mr. Leamer's election last fall. Mr. Leamer was given a majority of 13 votes over Mr. Frum, and in contesting the election the district court refused a recount. The case probably will be decided within a month, according to Mr. Frum.

Sioux City Journal, 20th: Jacob Leamer is spending a week with friends in Omaha.... Mrs. Irving Fisher, of Dakota City arrived yesterday to visit over the week end with her sister, Mrs. Jacob Leamer.... Mrs. Jessie Dearing and Marquis Hoover, who are wanted at Pender, Neb., on a charge of arson yesterday surrendered to requisition papers obtained by County Attorney Smith of Thurston county. The defendants last week fought extradition on habeas corpus proceedings in the court of Judge George Jepson. Following the release of the couple they were rearrested at the Northwestern station by Deputy Sheriff E. W. Pecaut. It is charged that they set fire to a dwelling in Pender on the night of August 2.

Walthill Citizen: Mrs. Tully and daughter, Miss Gladys, left Friday for a short visit at South Sioux City.... Miss Clara Crowell returned to her duties as teacher in South Sioux City schools on Monday.... Mesdames W. H. Mason and W. H. Rickerson were Sioux City visitors Monday and Tuesday.... Mrs. Garrett Mason and baby of Homer, were visitors at the W. H. Mason home yesterday and today.... Miss Lena Mason came home Friday from Homer. Her grandfather, M. Mason, brought her down in an auto.... The body of Maude Kinison was brought from So. Sioux City last Thursday on the 1:38 train, and interred in the Walthill cemetery, Rev. Clark of South Sioux City having charge of the services. The deceased was a granddaughter of Mrs. N. Bourell of this place. The following with the bereaved

parents and family made up the funeral party: Mrs. A. Kinisen and Mrs. A. J. Conn, of Greenwood; Mrs. J. M. Fiscus and Mrs. B. L. Moore, Vernon, Miss Perilda Medford, Mrs. E. F. Clinkenbeard of South Sioux City and Mrs. Edna Headrick of Lincoln.

Harry McEntaffer is still having to carry his arm around in a sling.... Geo. Peters of Hubbard visited over Sunday with his sister, Mrs. L. Hingst.... Geo. Wallway and family visited the G. W. Merten family in Sioux City last Sunday and also called at the hospital to see George Merten, who is getting along nicely.... Howard Shumway, son of H. P. Shumway of Wakefield, returned last week from a stay of several months in France, where he was connected with the ambulance corps. He had intended on his return to the United States to enlist as a private unless something more favorable offered itself. But he was only home five days when he had a call to report at the officer's training camp located at Middleton, N. J., for which place he started on Friday morning. His work will be in the hospital corps.... Messrs Ben and J. H. Bonderson and H. H. Stolze have just returned from a trip to St. Paul and Minneapolis, going by way of Worthington and Mankato and returning on the Yellow Trail by the way of Granite Falls, Pipestone and Sioux Falls, a distance of about 900 miles which was made in a Dodge car. While at Minneapolis they visited with C. E. Paul, now in the training camp at Fort Snelling. He is feeling fine and working hard and sent his best regards to the folks in good old Emerson.

SCHOOL NOTES.

By Clarence Linton.

Much of the language work Monday consisted of oral and written stories of fair experiences.

About 60 or not quite one-half of the school people attended the fair Friday.

The fourth grade geography class is studying the Missouri river.

The high school people are undertaking to give the play entitled "Kicked out of College" before the 15th of October. The proceeds are to be divided, \$15 to the victrola fund, and the rest to the boy's athletic fund. In view of the fact that no football is being played this autumn, it is an opportune time to stage the play, and the training will be very profitable for the high school people: There are nine girls and ten boys in the cast.

It is of interest to know that Raymond Ream, of the class of '17 has entered the University at Lincoln and is pursuing a course in electrical engineering. He reports his new work very favorably. The other members of his class are at their respective homes.

The high school civics class has been spending some time in a special study of our county government.

Farm For Sale

Well improved 40-acre farm, hog tight, bearing orchard, located between Sioux City and Dakota City, possession given March 1st. Fred Duensing, owner, Dakota City, Neb.

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